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31 March 1960

Mrs. Searle P. Smithson

Dear Mrs. Smithson:

Thank you for your letter of 7 March to General Cabell requesting information on Cuba. The present Cuban situation is a matter of concern to all of us.

I am enclosing a copy of General Cabell's testimony before a Congressional Committee in the hope that this will be of some help to you in your project.

We are not in touch with Major Pedro Diaz Lanz and it would not be appropriate for us to advise you how to contact him or other Cubans. The American press is giving full coverage to the Cuban situation, and I believe that Cuban statements and activities as publicly reported speak for themselves.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter Elder
Executive Assistant

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Mrs. Georgia F. Swithorn

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Dear Mrs. Swithorn:

In reference to your letter of 7 March 1960, I am sorry to tell you that the information it asks for is contained only in classified documents of this Agency and is unfortunately not available to the public.

Sincerely,

Walter Elder
Executive Assistant

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March 7, 1960

Gen. C.P. Cabell U.S.A.F.
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Gen. Cabell:

What this country needs is a good, authenticated report on the foreign policies of Fidel Castro. As a student at the University of California, Santa Barbara I have been assigned such a project. Since you probably know more than anyone else, except Br. Castro himself, just what his policies are, would you please send to me such information as you have available?

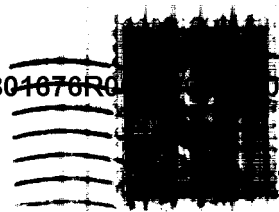
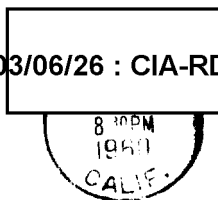
Particularly, can you get me in touch with Major Pedro Diaz Lanz, the former head of Castro's Air Force? Any other Cubans who can give me information I would appreciate hearing from also.

Thank you ahead of time for any help you can offer.

Sincerely,
George P. Smithson
George P. Smithson (Mrs.)

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It seems to me that my letter to Mrs. Smithson is responsive to her request without compromising any of our classified information. Do you agree?

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